(i) Patrolling in the area has have been/are being verified.

(ii) The antecedents of the servants employed by the residents have been/are being verified.

(iii) The staff deployed at the check post have been briefed to remain more vigilant about the movement of suspected persons in the area.

(iv) Chowkidars in the area have also been briefed.

(v) The Beat Constable have been briefed to visit and enquire about the welfare of senior citizens residing alone, if any, in their respective areas.

(vi) Meetings with the Residents Welfare Associations are held frequently.

(vii) The residents have been advised to get door chains and magic eyes installed in the houses.

Violation of Ordinance Promulgated on Ayodhya Issue

4186. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the leaders of Muslim Personal Law Board, the highest non-official body decided to reject the Ordinance promulgated on the Ayodhya issue and the muslim religious leaders decided to court arrest; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to counter that with a view to avoid any law and order problem that might arise?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to settle the long standing dispute, the disputed area at Ayodhya, as well as suitable adjoining area has been acquired, and a Presidential Reference has been made to the Supreme Court under article 143(1) of the Constitution on 7 January, 1993, for consideration and opinion on the following question. "Whether a Hindu Temple or any Hindu religious structure existed prior to the construction of the Ram Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masjid (including the premises of the inner and outer courtyards of such structure) in the area on which the structure stood?"

In the above mentioned reference, it has been made clear that the Union Government proposes to settle the dispute after obtaining the opinion of the Supreme Court, and in terms of the said opinion.

Court marriages in Delhi

4187. SHRI GOPALSINH G. S[illegible]I: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Civil Court marriages in Delhi in the year 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) whether such marriages have increased in the capital; and

(c) the number out of them are Inter caste, caste-wise, religion wise and state-wise during the last three years as on 31st January, 1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) As per the Delhi Administration the number of Special Marriages solemnized under the Special Marriages Act, 1954 during the last three years is as under:—

1990-91	442
1991-92	441
1992-93 (upto 17.3.1993)	894

(b) No, Sir.